

Substitute Bill No. 5468

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AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO UTILITY STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 16a-3a of the 2010 supplement to
- 2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 4 (c) Resource needs shall first be met through all available energy 5 efficiency and demand reduction resources that are cost-effective, 6 reliable and feasible. The projected customer cost impact of any 7 demand-side resources considered pursuant to this subsection shall be 8 reviewed on an equitable [bases] basis with nondemand-side resources. The procurement plan shall specify (1) the total amount of 10 energy and capacity resources needed to meet the requirements of all 11 customers, (2) the extent to which demand-side measures, including 12 efficiency, conservation, demand response and load management can 13 cost-effectively meet these needs, (3) needs for generating capacity and 14 transmission and distribution improvements, (4) how the development 15 of such resources will reduce and stabilize the costs of electricity to 16 consumers, and (5) the manner in which each of the proposed resources should be procured, including the optimal contract periods 17 18 for various resources.
- 19 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 16-47a of the 2010 supplement to the

- general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 22 (c) In addition to the powers granted to the department in section 23 16-8c, during a rate proceeding under section 16-19, the department 24 may summon witnesses from an affiliate with which a gas company 25 has had direct or indirect transactions, examine the affiliate under oath 26 and order production, inspect and audit the books, records or other 27 information relevant to any transaction that the department has reason 28 to believe has or will have an adverse impact on the costs and revenues 29 of the affiliated gas company. Proprietary commercial and proprietary 30 financial information of an affiliate provided pursuant to this section 31 shall be confidential and protected by the department as the 32 department deems appropriate, subject to the provisions of section 1-33 210.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 16-243v of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 37 (b) The Energy Conservation Management Board, in consultation 38 with the Renewable Energy Investments Advisory [Committee] Board, 39 shall evaluate and approve enhanced demand-side management 40 technologies that can be deployed by Connecticut electric efficiency 41 partners to reduce electric distribution company customers' electric 42 demand. Such evaluation shall include an examination of the potential 43 to reduce customers' demand, federally mandated congestion charges 44 and other electric costs. On or before October 15, 2007, the Energy 45 Conservation Management Board shall file such evaluation with the 46 Department of Public Utility Control for the department to review and 47 approve or to review, modify and approve on or before October 15, 48 2007.
- Sec. 4. Section 7-233z of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

- (a) A municipal electric energy cooperative, created pursuant to this chapter, shall submit a comprehensive report on the activities of the municipal electric utilities with regard to promotion of renewable energy resources. Such report shall identify the standards and activities electric utilities in the promotion, municipal encouragement and expansion of the deployment and use of renewable energy sources within the service areas of the municipal electric utilities for the prior calendar year. The cooperative shall submit the report to the Renewable Energy [Investment] Investments Advisory [Committee] Board established pursuant to section 16-245n not later than ninety days after the end of each calendar year that describes the activities undertaken pursuant to this subsection during the previous calendar year for the promotion and development of renewable energy sources for all electric customer classes.
- (b) Such cooperative shall develop standards for the promotion of renewable resources that apply to each municipal electric utility. On or before January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, such cooperative shall submit such standards to the Renewable Energy [Investment] Investments Advisory [Committee] Board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	16a-3a(c)
Sec. 2	from passage	16-47a(c)
Sec. 3	from passage	16-243v(b)
Sec. 4	from passage	7-233z

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 4(b) was added for statutory consistency.

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